

Endorsements for H. Res. 36:

1. **Former Sen. Fred Thomson, who served as counsel on the Watergate Select Committee, in an OpEd published by [Real Clear Politics](#):** “The seriousness of the [Benghazi attack and administration’s response] calls for...a select committee that is given a specific mandate, a budget and a cut-off date that can be adjusted if it is agreed upon ... It needs to be comprised of members of both parties who have been selected by their leadership because of their proven integrity, reputation for fairness and expertise in a given area.” November 28, 2013
2. **[The Heritage Foundation](#):** “Almost three months after the September 11 attack on the U.S. facility in Benghazi, there are still many unanswered questions about what led to the deaths of four Americans. Despite Congress’s efforts to investigate the events surrounding the attack, little has been learned about how the United States can respond to similar attacks in the future. It is therefore necessary for Congress to establish a select committee, preferably bicameral, to examine the attack and determine what should be done to improve U.S. diplomatic security.” November 30, 2013
3. **Scott Taylor, U.S. Navy Seal via OPSEC, in [a letter](#) to Wolf:** “Despite numerous Congressional hearings, the American people still have more questions than answers about the tragic assault in Benghazi last September. I’m writing on behalf of myself as well as the hundreds of military family members and Intelligence and Special Operations veterans I work with – and even the thousands more who are still on active duty and therefore cannot ask you themselves. We strongly support your resolution, H. Res. 36, which would create a Select Committee to ensure we have a comprehensive investigation that can get the answers we want and deserve on Benghazi. We appreciate the ... Republicans that have already cosponsored this bill, and urge all Members of Congress to cosponsor in the weeks ahead.” April 9, 2013
4. **Gen. Jerry Boykin and 700 other retired Special Operations officials via *Special Operations Speaks*, in [a letter](#) to Members of the U.S. House of Representatives:** “The purpose of this letter is to encourage all members of the US House of Representatives to support H.Res. 36, which will create a House Select Committee on the Terrorist Attack in Benghazi. It is essential that a full accounting of the events of September 11, 2012, be provided and that the American public be fully informed regarding this egregious terrorist attack on US diplomatic personnel and facilities. We owe that truth to the American people and the families of the fallen.” April 9, 2013

5. **Patricia Smith, mother of Benghazi victim Sean Smith, in [a letter to Wolf](#):** “This letter is to endorse resolution H. Res. 36 to create a Select Committee to investigate the Benghazi attacks ... I completely agree with items 1 thru 16 of this resolution. I especially want to know WHY the four were abandoned the way they were.” April 10, 2013
6. **[Citizens United](#) via President David Bossie:** “It is incumbent upon Speaker John Boehner to take the Benghazi select committee resolution to the House floor now that it has the support of the majority of the majority with 117 co-sponsors that run the ideological spectrum. Four Americans were murdered by terrorists over seven months ago and we still do not have any accountability because the various investigations by standing committees have been incomplete and unfocused. The mother of Sean Smith and the father of Ty Woods support this important resolution and I want to commend Congressman Frank Wolf for his steadfast leadership in shepherding this resolution through the House to this point.” April 22, 2013
7. **Former Representative and Lt. Col. Allen West, in [a letter to Wolf](#):** “As an Army officer, I learned the integral principles of war, unity of effort and unity of command. Having a singular select committee on the Benghazi issue requires adherence to those two fundamentals,” he wrote. “I urge the remaining Republicans who have not yet cosponsored to sign on to H. Res 36 when the House returns next week. After 8 months, it's time for a Select Committee to ensure the families of the victims and the American people get the answers they deserve.” May 1, 2013
8. **[Washington Times](#), Frank Gaffney Jr.:** “At the instigation of Rep. Frank R. Wolf, Virginia Republican, and with encouragement from more than 700 special operations veterans and family members of those lost in Benghazi, some 135 legislators in the House of Representatives and three U.S. senators are calling for a special investigatory committee ...it is time to consolidate and redouble the investigation. Mr. Wolf proposes in House Resolution 36 to do so by forming a temporary committee whose members would include the chairmen and ranking members of the five oversight committees in order to ensure their expertise is brought to bear and their jurisdictions respected.” May 7, 2013
9. **[The Wall Street Journal](#) Editorial Board:** “Congressman Frank Wolf of Virginia has written House Speaker [John Boehner](#), requesting the creation of a bipartisan Select Committee to investigate the Benghazi terror debacle. It is an excellent idea. A Select Committee is the only means available now for the U.S. political system to extricate itself from the labyrinth called Benghazi ... Frank Wolf, one of the House's most senior Members, has it right. Benghazi's explanation deserves the best effort elected officials can give it, and the right

vehicle is a Select Committee with subpoena power and deposition authority.”
May 9, 2013

10. **[The Mark Levin Show](#), Host Mark Levin on establishing a select committee:** Rep. Frank Wolf is the loudest voice in Congress calling for a select committee to investigate Benghazi and Mark Levin invited him on last night to discuss why he believes it is necessary. The bottom line is that it's better to have one committee with subpoena power investigating Benghazi than to have 5 different committees working independently toward the same goal. And with something so serious, Wolf believes it's imperative that we get to the truth and we do it quickly.
“Let me tell you something, Congressman. You've got my full backing, if it's worth anything. You're exactly right.” – Levin, May 9, 2013
11. **Hugh Hewitt, host of the [Hugh Hewitt Show](#):** “The ABC story, the Stephen Hayes story, the hearing on Wednesday, it all points to the need, as Congressman Wolf points out, now for a select committee.” May 10, 2013
12. **Oliver North, [Townhall.com](#):** “Congressman Frank Wolf (R-VA) and more than 140 of his colleagues have called for a bi-partisan select committee of both houses to fully investigate the matter. Senators John McCain and Lindsey Graham support the proposal. It's time – unless Congress wants to participate in a cover up.” May 10, 2013
13. **[Fox News](#), Sen. Lindsey Graham:** “I've raised it to [House Speaker John Boehner], I've talked to him,” he told [*The Hill* newspaper]. “It's his decision to make, but we're making a big mistake by not doing a select committee.” May 11, 2013
14. **[The Boston Herald](#) Editorial Staff:** “Surely there has never been a bigger bunch of liars than the crew currently occupying the White House and the now-departed secretary of state. The steady drip, drip, drip of the Benghazi scandal is now a torrent – one that cries out for a special congressional Select Committee to put it all together email by email, revelation by revelation and lie by lie.” May 11, 2013
15. **[Albuquerque Journal](#) Editorial Board:** “Republican Rep. Frank Wolf of Virginia has asked House Speaker John Boehner to create a bipartisan Select Committee to investigate Benghazi. That would be a welcome next step. In December, an independent review ripped the State Department for inadequate security at the diplomatic mission. It is important going forward to determine if weak security and a slow military response allowed the attack. What the nation does not need is a replay of 24-7 cable news cycles filled with partisan dog-piling, embarrassing parsing and lame excuses – think Whitewater and Lewinski. What it does need is to know that someone will have the backs of the brave Americans

who put themselves in harm's way to advance democracy. Someone with the guts to stand up and say if that's not the case." May 11, 2013

16. ABC's [This Week](#), George Will: "Has the nation been systematically misled [on Benghazi]? Certainly. Now, we need a select committee in Congress because the State Department's misnamed accountability review board neglected to interview even the secretary of state." May 12, 2013

17. ABC's [This Week](#), Sen. John McCain: "We -- we need a select committee that interviews everybody. I don't know what level of -- of 'scandal'", quote, unquote, [the Benghazi issue] rises to. But I know it rises to the level where it requires a full and complete ventilation of these facts. Now here we are nine months later, and we're still uncovering information, which frankly contradicts the original line that the administration took. And so, we need the select committee, and I hope we'll get it. And the American people deserve it ..." May 12, 2013

18. Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), [Fox News](#): "Just from my own experience of having pushed with Sens. Graham and McCain for answers, right now, in light of the testimony we had last week, it is time -- we called from the beg for a joint select committee -- that we do that." May 13, 2013

19. John Bolton, Fox News contributor, on *America Live* with Megyn

Kelly: Bolton: "I think the congressional investigations have to continue, whether it's through the form of a select committee in the House of Representatives ..."

Kelly: "What does that mean select committee?"

Bolton: "Well, it would bring together members from a lot of different House committees that have some claim to oversight, Intelligence, Foreign Affairs, Armed Services ... I think Speaker Boehner either needs to pick a select committee right now or he ought to decide and give somebody the lead, whether it's Darrell Issa or somebody else, we need to consolidate this." May 13, 2013

20. [Rep. Tom Cole \(R-OK\)](#): "I am pleased to join with Congressman Frank Wolf and a number of my colleagues in support of H. Res. 36. Eight months after the unthinkable terrorist attack on our consulate in Benghazi, Libya, we are still seeking answers to what happened that night. After all this time, we should have resolved what circumstances led to the murder of four Americans, what was done to prevent the attack and how it was handled and presented by President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton." May 13, 2013

21. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen via [Twitter](#): "Pleased 2 cosponsor [@RepWOLFPress](#) Select Committee to investigate Admin's [#Benghazi](#) failures. Americans deserve the truth." May 13, 2013

22. *The Winchester Star* Editorial Staff: "Unbowed in his pursuit of Benghazi truth, Mr. Wolf has introduced House Resolution 36, which would establish a

House select committee to probe the attack. Not only have 119 colleagues signed on as co-sponsors, but Mr. Wolf has also marshaled the support of the mother of one man killed in the attack and the father of another. What's more, roughly 700 retired Military Special Operations professionals have signed a letter registering their support of the resolution. Not only do we commend Mr. Wolf for his persistence, but we agree with his basic contention, reiterated Friday at The Star, that 'the American people and the families of those killed need to know the truth. Why were they not rescued? Why, why, why?' Why, indeed."

23. **ACT! For America**: After last week's hearing, Rep. Wolf sent a [letter](#) to Speaker Boehner once again asking him to convene the Special Committee. In his letter he notes, 'After eight months, we can't wait for more time to pass. Questions would remain unanswered, procedures unchanged and accountability unrealized. That is until another attack occurs and another life is lost. And then, shame on us if we, who have been entrusted with public service, have done nothing to prevent it.' We wholeheartedly agree. Enough is enough." May 13, 2013
24. **Andrea Tantaros, co-host of Fox News' *The Five* and the *Andrea Tantaros Show***: "Congressman Wolf, I would be more than happy to Tweet out information on the bill to get my listeners involved. I think your idea and this select committee on Benghazi is long overdue. I applaud you for leading the charge on this one. I hope House leadership wakes up to it. When you have four dead Americans and a number of wounded Americans that we haven't heard from there should be subpoenas issued, there should be a select committee, it should be bipartisan, and we deserve answers. So Congressman Wolf, excellent job, I really appreciate it." May 14, 2013
25. **Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) on *On The Record with Greta Van Susteren***: "There are five committees, and I think that's part of the problem. It's taken me a while to get to this position. I'm a former chair, as you pointed out, of the foreign affairs [committee], and I know our committee has a wide jurisdiction. But that means we are master of nothing. We deal with the threat in North Korea. We deal with the nuclear buildup in Iran. We deal with the humanitarian catastrophe in Syria, Venezuela post-Chavez. You name it. It's like whack-a-mole. But then we have one committee whose sole thing would be to investigate what happened in Benghazi and what can we do to make sure we don't jeopardize American lives ... AP looking at the Justice Department getting all the records of AP calling 20 lines of reporters. You are handling IRS targeting conservative groups, Benghazi. But you can't do it all, all in one particular, one subject all at once. And that's what this select committee would do. So I congratulate Frank Wolf for what he's doing. It does not demean the work of Chairman Issa. He's been doing a wonderful job." May 14, 2013

- 26. K.T. McFarland, former Pentagon official and Fox News National Security Analyst on [Lou Dobbs Tonight](#):** “It is now so much fog and blue smoke and mirrors. Nobody can figure out the timeline, although you did a pretty darn good job at the beginning of this show. I think that’s why it’s time for a House select committee on Benghazi to try to get people under oath, subpoena them, find out what really happened. Because it’s pretty clear the American people were lied to, and the question is why, and what are the consequences?” May 14, 2013
- 27. Charles Krauthammer on *Special Report with Bret Baier*:** “But the one advice I would give to Republicans is: stop calling it a huge scandal, stop saying it’s a Watergate, stop saying it’s Iran Contra. Let the facts speak for themselves. Have a special committee, a select committee; the facts will speak for themselves. Pile them on, but don’t exaggerate. Don’t run ads about Hilary. It feeds the narrative of the other side that it’s only a political event, it is not. Just be quiet and present the facts.” May 14, 2013
- 28. Jason Riley (Wall Street Journal) on *Special Report with Bret Baier*:** “Let’s hope it’s headed to a select committee, which would have subpoena power to force people to answer questions from various agencies and departments, but the President’s behavior here is pretty outrageous. You have 4 dead American including a U.S. ambassador and the president of U.S. suggests that anyone asking too many questions is politicizing the issue in order to raise money. It’s outrageous.” May 14, 2013